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Rafael smith submitted a new eComment.

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Item: 1. 210894 Substitute resolution relating to the appropriation of the remainder of the first tranche of American Rescue Plan Act funds.

eComment: As a member of the Milwaukee City-County Task Force on Climate and Economic Equity and Chairman of the Jobs and Equity Work Group, I urge the Common Council to support proposals that will not only help us meet the goals of the Paris Accords (45% cut in emission by 2030 and 100% renewable energies by 2050) that the city sign on to in 2016 but also make a serious downpayment toward racial equality in Milwaukee. Many parts of our city have been in economic depression conditions for close to a half-century with no end in sight unless we are intentional about making investments not only with our words but also with our resources. The American Recuse Plan Act (ARPA) funding is a once in a lifetime opportunity and I am afraid if we aren't purposeful about how we allocate the money, we will condemn many of our residents, especially those of color, to lifetimes of despair and continued neglect It is my belief that proposals 2, 3, 9, 11, 22, 23, 74 in combination with a robust transitional jobs program can begin

to move us towards a more equitable city for those most impacted by deindustrialization and its consequences. A debt is owed and the time is now to pay.

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